

# Alumnae News Letter

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## Happy New Year

Into a weary war torn world, The Christmas Season came again,  
And all the air shattered by the sounds of strife — O'er half the earth the Christmas  
lights were blotted out Lest bombers see and ply their trade of death,  
And steeple bells are chiming war's alarm—Yet Christ is come!  
Once more the Holy Babe is cradled in the manger bed—There are so many little  
homeless children now—Help us to see, Oh Lord, for tears have made our eyes so  
dim, The radiant promise in the Eastern sky.  
Help us to hear, Oh Lord, we are so deafened by the guns,  
The glad high echo of the angel's Song!

May the joys of the past Christmas Season remain with all our members throughout  
this New Year!

Charlotte Landt, *Past President.*

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### ALUMNAE NEWS

Our newly elected officers are:—

President—Dolly Twitchel

2nd Vice-President—Ada Quinnell

Treasurer—Mrs. Dick Van Gorp

Directors—1—Charlotte Landt

2—Leona Diehl

As an expression of our deep appreciation of the debt we owe our retiring president, Charlotte Landt, a unanimous vote of thanks was given her. Miss Landt has been most generous of her time and energy in our behalf and we are fortunate to have the benefit of her continued service on our Board.

To Dolly Twitchell, our new president, we extend a warm welcome and pledge our cooperation in the coming year, for we appreciate the responsibility which accompanies the honor of her position.

The Biennial Meeting of the three National Nursing Organizations is to be held in Chicago in May, 1942. You who are members of the First District will be glad to know that your share in the expenses of the Biennial will be taken from the reserve fund of the First District, so there will be no increase in dues for 1941 and 1942.

There was a small deficit after the Ball (the very successful Homecoming Barn

Dance) was over, but it was covered by the sale of chances on two Dutch dolls which were left over from another party. You will be interested to know that Charlie Thompson, the friend of all Pres nurses, won the dolls.

A gift of \$10 from Mrs. Gertrude Irons was added to the Educational Fund.

\$50 was turned over to the School for student participation in the State Convention.

\$200 from the Budget was added to Mrs. Wm. B. Lloyd's gift of \$200 for the Week's Free Care Fund for the nurses cottage at the Edward T. B. Sanitarium at Naperville.

The following report of the Special Committee to investigate possibilities and make recommendations for the use of the Mary Byrne Memorial Fund, was accepted:—

1—That the fund be kept open for those who wish to join, without urging membership.

2—That, due to the fact that demands on the fund may decrease annually, no change be made at present in the number of days allowed per member.

3—That new members of the Fund shall not be allowed to use the room until the \$100 membership is paid in full. It was suggested that these members borrow from



the Sick Benefit Fund to fulfill their agreement and be eligible for use of the Room.

4—That when crowded conditions in the Hospital make it necessary to put two members in the same room, such a plan will be acceptable. Otherwise present accommodations will continue.

The bill for \$1,000 for the N. L. N. E. Survey of our School of Nursing by Miss Pfefferkorn was ordered paid.

The report of the Survey has been received, placed on file for reference, and has been submitted to the Hospital Board of Managers. Its comprehensive analysis will no doubt serve as a guide in the development of the School. Since the Survey was financed by the Alumnae Association, the preliminary statement and thirty-six recommendations were read at the last December meeting.

The Report commended our "origin in the richest and most favorable soil of the time," and the valuable nursing educational opportunities offered in the close association with Rush Medical College and our many affiliations. Other commendable developments were the appointment of the new Advisory Committee to the School, the good health service program, strong faculty leadership, and the continued improvement of the faculty members and supervisors thru University courses and an in-service program.

The Report also recommended better living conditions in the Dormitory and made several suggestions to better the educational and social programs. Improvements in the class rooms, lounge, dining room, and lobby have already been accomplished and beautifully so. The raising of the entrance requirements to two years of college, with recruiting of students carried on in colleges; the use of appropriate tests to aid in the selection and guidance of students; and the adoption of the six day week for students, were a few of the other recommendations.

The redecorating of the Alumnae room has been accomplished and the result is very attractive as well as comfortable with new knee hole desk, taupe rug, blending drapes over venetian blinds, a green davenport and two pretty and cozy big chairs, also a good table lamp, new ceiling fixture and a big brass pot of greenery. Of course the walls and floor have been refinished, too, and Board meetings will now be gay and full of action!

### HOSPITAL NEWS

The news of Mr. Bacon's resignation, effective January 1st, brought regrets to all who have known him here. His very valuable and kindly assistance with our Alumnae projects, the Gladys Foster Fund and the Mary Byrne Fund, have proven him our constant friend. As a small token of our affection, and appreciation of his ever friendly interest in and cooperation with the School and the Alumnae Association, we presented him with the complete Life of Abraham Lincoln by Sandburg.

It was gratifying to know that Mr. Hensel will remain with us as assistant to Mr. Bacon's successor, Mr. J. Dewey Lutes. Mr. Lutes, Superintendent at Ravenswood Hospital for the past nine years, has been closely associated with Mr. Bacon in Hospital Association activities for many years.

### SPRAGUE HALL NEWS

Dearest Sis:—

Yes, I know you hope I'm a better Nurse than correspondent, but we have been proving that "all work and no play makes Pearl a dull girl"—a good excuse to play.

Did I tell you we have our own Student-Faculty Government Association now? It has really been fun organizing it and planning for it even if we have worn out two copies of Robert's Rules of Order in making the Constitution! The S. F. G. A. is composed of an Executive Council of representative students and faculty members along with the true governing body, which is every member of our School of Nursing.

We have had so many changes in our house that you probably won't recognize the Nurses' Residence when you come back to your Alma Mater. The first floor would make the Palmer House look anemic. The former parlor is now a lovely lounge, off of which is a chef's dreamland — formally termed a kitchen—so modern that even I might be able to boil water for our Teas without burning it! This used to be the Library. Between the lounge and the classroom is a folding leather partition, which, when opened, makes one huge room for any social function we may have.

The classroom deluxe atmosphere is very conducive to thoughts of interior decorating, rest and sleep but I fear these will be jarred from our minds and those of cerebellar tumors will take their place. The combination



of classes and artistic surrounding are supposed to raise the grade level—have always wanted a Phi Beta Key! The dining room, or should I say salon—is a creation in pink with “won’t rip your stockings chairs,” new mahogany tables with runners, and an annunciator for telephone calls that, so far, has Elizabeth no end perturbed!

Second East floor has been changed from the den of Operating Room nurses to the offices of A. Faculty and Co. Each Supervisor and Instructor has her own office and, to be honest, they are still a little awed by the splendor—one just told me her new desk had drawers in it! Also on second East is the new Library—a spacious formal room which is also modernistic but done in paneled wood rather than pastels as the other rooms are. This is the most useful room and has been the busiest so far. Why don’t you send us those good novels you got two years ago that are tucked away in your attic? We need them in our non-professional corner!

The Preclinicals—former prelims—have been making a great use of the new practice class room on second East. It is a miniature hospital floor with all the equipment to work with.

The S. F. G. A. has been socially busy lately with Norwegian “Kaffee Tie” or Coffee Hour every Thursday P. M. from 3:30 to 5:30 on the roof. It is just Open House where we may drop in to visit, listen to symphony music, and eat. We will go when you come down sometime. Are we ever domestic! We are now able to wash our clothes with a new Bendix washing machine—thanks to the S. F. G. A. No more tattle-tale grey slips and it is more fun to work! Funny thing tho, you can’t wash blue P. Js. with white socks! My legs look cyanotic every time I put my white hose on!

We had an all school party (S. F. G. A.) in December and had lots of fun. It was called a Shipwreck Party, so every one came dressed as he would be at 2:30 A. M. if he were aboard and the ship went aground. Miss Rogers definitely got the prize dressed as Sairey Gamp! The Juniors staged a very clever Ballet with the use of various pieces of hospital equipment and utensils. People certainly are different out of uniform.

You should have a very Happy New Year and we are all waiting to hear about it, so do write. Love, Kay.

P. S. I’m having difficulty learning how to spell “financially embarrassed.”

## ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES

The American Red Cross needs 4,000 nurses before July, 1941, to care for the drafted men in their camps. Word is being sent to all nurses in the hope that the call will be heeded by 4,000 volunteers among us. Five members of *our* Alumnae have already entered service with the Army Nurse Corps. Anita Foss, 1927; Grace Hubbard, 1930; Nelle Crout, 1928; Daisy Teeslink, 1935; and Jane Chadwick, 1936, have answered the call. The Misses Foss, Hubbard, and Chadwick are located at Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; Miss Crout is at Ft. McClellan, near Birmingham, Ala.; and Miss Teeslink is at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Information concerning this service can be obtained from District Nurses headquarters.

We are glad to be able to report the recovery of our Miss Russell from a ten days’ stay in the hospital following an unhappy encounter with a truck. Miss Russell and her sister, Miss Rosamond, are located at the Shore Crest Hotel here in Chicago for the winter.

## A Presbyterian Club!

Would you be interested in a copy of a directory of all alumnae members with their addresses? The following item illustrates the value of such.

The Presbyterian nurses in Minneapolis and St. Paul are forming a club. In June of this year, Heide Henrickson, 1918; Ida MacDonald, 1931; Edwina MacDougal, 1924; and Sylvia Melby, 1926, had dinner at the Minneapolis Automobile Club and made plans to meet again August 9th. That evening seven were present for dinner at the Sibly Tea Room in Mendota, including Dorothy Smith Brandmo, 1929; Edith Bergh Holland, 1917; Bethel Flood McGrath, 1923; and Lydia Felland Kalin, 1917. On November 15th, the group met again for dinner at the Silver Latch, adding to the group Grace Melges Scott, 1929, Dorothy Morris Larson, 1937, Helen Creed Johnson, 1920, and Violet Getty Ingebrightson, 1930, of Moorhead, who was visiting in Minneapolis.

The Club now has on its roster the names of twenty-two Presbyterian nurses from this vicinity, all of whom hope to attend the



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meeting on February 22nd. Should anyone of you know of Pres nurses who do not receive the news letter, will you kindly tell them of this newly organized Presbyterian Twin City Club. (Contributed.)

Please let us now your reaction to the idea of a Directory of Presbyterian Graduates.

Ruth Westerman Harris, 1920, of Quincy, Ill., called on her friends here on October 23rd, while her husband, Dr. Richard Harris, attended the meetings of the American College of Surgeons.

Hazel Taylor, 1921, writes from seething Shanghai that their work goes on despite a general strike of streetcar men and bus drivers, and a typhoon at practically the same time. She teaches V. N. A. work and for a time they went down the streets in little boats to find their patients. Esther Salzman, 1933, spent part of her vacation in Shanghai and the girls enjoyed a Pres "gos-fest." Esther is at Peiping for another year of language work, but expects to locate later in a hospital 500 miles S. W. of Shanghai.

Dorothea Jackson, 1921, Health Nurse in Los Vegas, N. Mex., is spending four months at the Chicago Maternity Center on a scholarship from the Federal Children's Bureau. Much of her work in N. Mex. is pre- and post natal and the nurses must assume considerable responsibility, so they are given special preparation.

Laura Kerr, 1921, has accepted a position at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, Ill. She is to organize the communicable disease department in the hospital and is also to be the instructor in communicable disease nursing.

Dr. Ruth Church, 1929, is attending the School of Public Health at Columbia University this year.

Dr. Della Moussa, 1932, is in line for congratulations on the completion of her medical course and her appointment to an Internship at Cook County Hospital on New Year's Day.

Johanna DeVries, 1933, is to work with Lois Marsilje, 1938, during the furlough of the other American nurse at Ranipert, South India.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Rushton (Vivian Goodbrake, 1934) of Rochester, Minn., have located in Texas.

Lillian Smies, 1934, writes from Veelore,

South India, that she and Johanna DeVries, 1933, have been studying at the missionary Language School for nearly a year, so have done very little actual nursing as yet. They are enthusiastic about their work, however.

Helen Beck, 1935, a recent P. G. student at the Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital in Jersey City, N. J., writes that she is having a busy time of it, for during October over four hundred new little Democrats were delivered there—about twenty of them by Cesarean Section.

Esther Bachmann, 1935, writes from Birmingham, Ala., where she is engaged in Public Health work, that she is enjoying the work, weather, scenery, people, and food! One interesting feature there is an active group of Associated Alumnae of the different schools represented.

Dorothy Dickey, 1938, is now on the nursing staff of the County Hospital in San Bernadino, Calif., and is enjoying the change but keeping in touch with Unit No. 13—just in case she is needed.

Doris Gates, 1938, began duty at the Samson Community Hospital in Glasgow, Ky., on October 21st. Julia Neville Raymon, 1933, is also on the staff there.

Winifred Hoekstra, 1938, is working with the Indians in Rehopath, New Mex.

Carrie Belle Burgess Whiteside, 1939, is Government Field Nurse at Klawock, Alaska, where her husband is located.

Ruth Butterfield Knowles, 1939, writes from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, that she hopes to drop in at Presbyterian frequently.

Dorothy Provine, 1939, began duties in October as assistant to the Superintendent at the lovely new Delnor Hospital in St. Charles, Ill.

Ruth Ketchie Post, 1940, writes from El Paso, Texas, that she is enjoying her new friends and her new career of housewifery. One of Capt. Post's Lieutenants is a Rush graduate of 1936, so they have "home friends," too.

Florence Amy Ingram, 1938, writes, in part, from Hospital Latino-Americano, Pueblo, Pue, Mex.:

I often think of my supervisors back in the old training days and wonder if it was as hard a task to teach me as it seems to me with these young rascals here! The first year we had 20 preliminaries, and the next only 2 who stayed, because we are now re-



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## ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES—Cont.

quiring at least 2 years of secondary school education! Our school is not yet recognized by the government, some legal quirk, however it is recognized that we give good training. The government schools give 4 years of training and the girls then graduate as midwives.

We have two American doctors and two American nurses, one who took the course in midwifery here in Pueblo and now gives our course in obstetrics. We also have one of our own graduates on the staff and a laboratory technician, two medical students for Internes, twenty-two student nurses and myself. The hospital has a present capacity of fifty but the Head Doctor plans to enlarge it to seventy-five beds. We are very up to date with our own laboratory, Xray equipment complete, and a fever machine. Our Operating Room is very well equipped and we have one of the latest OP Ray lamps. That has been my special domain and my three nurses and I take care of all the sterilizing and do all the surgical dressings.

You knew I had relatives in London? They had a bomb on the house and a time bomb in the garden but no one was hurt and they are able to live in the house again. One of my brothers is a Lt. Commander in the Royal Navy and the other is in Egypt with the Army. Fifteen young English boys, two of them good friends of mine, went from Mexico City in December.

Pauline Campbell, 1928, writes from—  
Mexico, D. F.

This is the last day of my stay in the "Land of Sunshine over the Border," and I do dislike the thought of leaving.

My trips out of Mexico City took me to Taluca, famous for its colorful baskets and Friday Market when all the natives come in from the hinterlands to buy and sell for the week.

Another day we drove through gorgeous mountain scenery to Cuernavaca where we stopped to view La Barda Gardens and the Inn. This used to be the summer home of Carlotta and Maximilian. We also saw the frescos of Diego Rievera, made possible by Dwight Morrow, who paid 20,000 pesos for them. The Morrrows still have a home there.

We spent a week end in Taxco, a little bird nest in the mountains, and enjoyed the

little silver shops where one can watch the native craftsmen at their work. Taxco is famous for its silver mines and the beautiful Cathedral of Santa Prisca. On Sunday we chartered a gondola and glided through the floating gardens of Xochimilico wishing the ride through this heavenly spot might be endless. There are 18 miles of canals banked high with trees of the poplar family, at the foot of which were large plots of pansies, gardenias, violets, carnations, and many other flowers blooming in profusion.

We visited Pueblo, the city of tile factories and onyx works. Much of the tile work is still done by hand by an age old process. Onyx of many colors is used in fascinating ways and is very inexpensive.

I was particularly interested to see the Army Hospital, a government project, which has 5,000 beds! It is not yet ready for occupancy but will be a fine institution when completed. I also saw the British and American Hospitals, which are staffed with British and American nurses.

The climate is delightful, the rainy season just over and everything is beautifully green and bright. Bouganvillea grows in abundance on expensive homes and humble huts alike.

I am already planning a return trip for the interesting places are inexhaustible.  
November 20, 1940.

Catherine Buckley, 1912, B. S., Teachers College, Columbia University, recently retired as Director of the School of Nursing and Health at the University of Cincinnati and is now residing in Chicago. Miss Buckley has been assistant to Miss McMillan at Presbyterian; Superintendent at Washington Boulevard in Chicago; Superintendent of Nurses at the Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati; and Professor of Nursing at The University of Cincinnati.

Under her leadership at Cincinnati the five year degree program was reorganized as a four year course leading to a B. S. degree in Nursing; and several post graduate courses were organized. Miss Buckley has served as local chairman of the Red Cross Nursing Committee, as president of the Ohio State Nurses Association, and as a member of the Board of Nurse Examiners.

Edith M. Potts, 1921, B. A. and M. A., James Millikin University, of New York City, was a recent visitor. Miss Potts is

still enthusiastic over her work as Director of the Division of Testing for Schools for Nursing, of the Psychiatric Institute, New York City. Her department tests applicants for 197 schools in 18 states in the U. S. A., though mainly through the East. In 1939, 7,300 were tested and the figure will approach 9,000 for 1940. The tests are made 2 months to 1 year before admission and have a definite selective value, though they are used, as well, as a working basis throughout the student's course for securing better adjustments to her work and her group. Constant research is being carried on through follow up of groups through their courses, their State Boards and their subsequent accomplishments.

Jessie L. Stevenson, 1921, has completed her first year's project for the N. O. P. H. N. as orthopedic consultant. The aim of the project was to prepare nurses for work with crippled children and to prepare a manual on orthopedic nursing for the use of Public Health Nurses. This 230 page book is now published by the McMillan Co. and is enthusiastically reviewed in a late issue of Public Health Nurse. Another appropriation from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis made possible the re-appointment of Miss Stevenson and the continuation of this work for another year.

Miss Stevenson received her B. A. degree from the University of So. Dak., and was a teacher of English in high schools in So. Dak. and Minn. before she entered the nursing profession. In 1922 she joined the staff of V. N. A. in Chicago, and in 1923 became a supervisor. In 1924 she made a survey of the Crippled Children in Chicago. Northwestern Medical School gave her a certificate in physical therapy in 1926, and she has been a part time instructor in that department since 1928. In 1936 she became associate editor of the Physiotherapy Review. Prior to her appointment as orthopedic consultant on the staff of N. O. P. H. N., she served as assistant director of the same and is well known for her contributions to their publication. We congratulate Miss Stevenson on the publication of her book, the Care of Poliomyelitis. We are proud of her and *because* of her!

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. John Ford (Margaret Learned, 1928), a son, January 5, at Presbyterian Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Swanson (Elizabeth Christenson, 1925), a daughter, last summer, in Virginia, Minn.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schumacher (Kathryn Steigman, 1933), a son, Edward, Jr., on October 27 at Presbyterian Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rayner Castrodale (Ethel Owen, 1933), a son, on December 6, in Western Springs, Ill.

To Mr. and Mrs. Case Kellogg (Helen Stidd, 1939), of San Francisco, Calif., a son, on November 4.

## SYMPATHY

The sincere sympathy of the Alumnae Association is extended to:

To the family of Beulah Smith Gruhner, 1907, who died of cerebral hemorrhage at Billings Hospital on October 6th.

To Elizabeth Clark, 1912, on the death of her aunt, Mrs. T. V. Brennan, in Joliet last December.

To Ruth Blackstone, 1916, on the recent death of her sister, Mary, of Joliet, Ill.

To Gertrude Kellogg, 1918, on the death of her mother, who passed away recently at Wheaton, Ill.

To Anne McAllister Young, 1920, of Spokane, Wash., whose mother passed away recently.

## MARRIAGES

Jessie Coman, 1925, to Mr. Hugh M. Snowden on November 10th at the Santa Barbara Mission in Calif.

Evelyn Seegmiller, 1927, to Dr. Howard H. Smead on November 9th, at Grand Rapids, Mich. Dr. and Mrs. Smead will be at home in Des Moines, Iowa.

Madeline Swetland, 1929, to Mr. O. D. Wood on October 5th. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are at home at 2011 Lanihuli Dr., Honolulu, T. H.

Sylvia Bosh, 1930, to Mr. Frank W. Sturm on January 1st, in La Grange, Ill.

Mabel (Polly) Riggs, 1934, to Mr. Clarence Anderson on October 19th at Wheaton, Ill.

Mildred Schlekau, 1937, to Mr. Robert Mankin on September 28th.

Dorothy Winans, 1937, to Dr. Emmert Boeke on July 1st. Dr. and Mrs. Boeke are at home in Winslow, Ill.

Miriam Fairbanks, 1938, to Dr. Marvin Eckberg on October 12th. Dr. Eckberg is serving an Internship in Peoria, Ill.



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The enclosed issue of the Hospital Bulletin is made available to you by the kindness of Mr. Lutes, the Hospital Board and Mrs. Hyde, who realize how interested we all are in the exciting changes at Sprague Hall.

The Alumnae Tea honoring Miss Aylward was one of the pleasantest events held in Sprague Hall. Miss Aylward's letter to you follows: "Please express my thanks to members of the Alumnae Association for the very nice tea, the flowers, the orchids, and the handsome check 'to be used in seeing places now that I shall have the time.' This I shall be happy to do after I have dropped anchor for a while in Elburn, Ill.

All this and the friendly spirit that prevailed throughout is much appreciated. My best wishes for the future of your Association and for each and all of you."

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dewey Lutes were honor guests at the social program following the business meeting on February 4th. Members of the School, of the Hospital Staff, and friends, were also present to hear Dr. Speed give a most interesting illustrated lecture on a recent pre-war trip which he and Mrs. Speed took through the British Isles. Mrs. Speed assisted with the pictures.

On the birthday of our School, an Open Meeting was held honoring the graduating class. Greetings and a welcome to members of the class of 1941, with a word as to the meaning and responsibilities of membership in the Alumnae were given by our president, Miss Dolly Twitchell.

The guest speaker was Rev. Russell Dicks, Hospital Chaplain, who spoke helpfully on his work and the ways and means by which nurses can cooperate in this work.

A beautiful and delicious birthday cake adorned the tea table in the lounge where members and guests became acquainted.

The following Presbyterian nurses attended the Illinois Conference on Public Health at Springfield, Ill., December 5 and 6. Retta Gasteyer, 1922; Ina Hensel, 1923, Princeton; Mildred Negley Parker, 1928, Hinsdale; Margaret Handlin, 1929, Woodstock; Ruth Kirk, 1909, Sterling; Mary Jane Fee, 1920, Champaign; Agnes Hickman, 1921, Kenia; Vera Whitlock McMasters, 1925, Springfield; Hazel Altman, 1925, Moline; Jessie Waddell, 1933, Hinsdale; and Gladys Heikens, 1930, Hinsdale.

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Esther King Black, 1920, writes from Honolulu of the Defense preparations out there. She has kept up her Red Cross enlistment and with all Red Cross Reserve Nurses has been ordered in readiness for duty in the local hospitals at a moment's notice. It is planned that all nurses on active duty will enter the Army and Navy Corps on Mobilization Day and the Red Cross Reserves will step in to "pinch-hit" for them. Dr. and Mrs. Black have two teen-age sons. Mrs. Black's hobby is farming and she is taking a course in agriculture at the University of Hawaii. Tho the Blacks hope to come here for a visit in 1942, they are devoted to The Islands and want to live there always. Apparently Wilma Judson, 1922, and Jessie Eyman, 1918, feel the same way about Honolulu!

Nelle Crout, 1928, writes most interestingly of her work as a Red Cross Nurse in the Army at Ft. McClellan, Ala.: "This camp was in operation during the late World War. The C.C.C. used it until last summer and now it is the home of the 27th Division, some 26,000 men, I am told. The Fort is located in a beautiful valley in the foot hills of the Blue Mts. Army nursing impresses me as a rare experience. My first work was on 12 hour nights, part of the time with 160 patients, officers, mothers and babies, and three flu wards across the road in another building. Many of the patients are up and go to mess. Surgical care is similar to that in a civilian hospital. Charts are small and very simple—as are the reports and the Standing Orders. The nursing staff now consists of 72 nurses, 1 Chief, a very fine woman, native of Boston, who has been in the service for 23 years, 8 regular army nurses, and 5 C.C.C. nurses. The nurses are quite a cross section of the profession, 9 from the larger Chicago hospitals and many from the smaller ones. Martha Clary, who worked in O. B. at Pres 3 years ago, and 3 girls from Decatur where Miss Studor is working, are among the 20 from Illinois. For the most part they are very congenial. We have met some very fine



young men and our social life is not neglected. If a girl loves attention and variety, she wouldn't need to languish here. One nurse was married recently and another leaves in May.

Until March we were located at the old Station Hospital and all the barracks were used as hospital wards. We now average around 440 patients. The patients were moved to the new wards on the heels of the carpenters, and it was a real job. We have literally miles of catwalks, a nice little walk to "make rounds." The wards average 24 to 30 beds, are sealed inside and painted yellow; each has offices for a doctor, nurse, a linen room and wash room, and some have kitchens. The troops all live in tents. We occupy four barracks, each with 24 rooms; a sitting room, a linen closet and 2 baths, and a narrow hall runs full length. Our furnishings consist of new beds, mattresses, floor lamps, waste baskets, and about 20 dressers, to date. We have plenty of light, heat, and hot and cold water, so we are really very comfortable. Mess is 60 cents a day and the food is good.

What is ahead of us is a big question. If any of you are down this way be sure to come to see us. Guests may stay in the barracks and go to mess with us.

Jessie Stevenson, 1921, stopped over on her far flung tour of P. N. N. Institutes long enough to attend our Open Meeting on our School birthday.

Harriet Klein, 1922, who was formerly at the Tacoma General Hospital in Washington, is now located at the United Hospital in Port Chester, N. Y.

Glyde Leach Hill, 1923, writes from the British Embassy, Peking, "I think of you all so often and look forward to the Bulletin which brings the news that recreates those stimulating days at Presbyterian years ago. I see it growing, with gladness, knowing an increasing number of students are having those life-filling experiences."

Cora Van Koeving, 1925, was a recent visitor on her way to Zeeland, Mich., from a stay in California with her father.

Mrs. Pauline Campbell, 1928, and Valentine Watts Wandell, 1939, are employed in the Xray department.

Mildred Cook, 1940, is on the Examining Room staff.

Frances Hippe, 1941, is to be night Floating Nurse after May 1st.

A letter from Winona Hayenga Thorne, 1928, who, with her husband, Dr. George Thorne, are located at Elat, Ebolowa, Cameroun, in West Africa, tells of a very busy year. The war is making itself felt there in many ways. Air mail goes all over the world before reaching them but regular mail deliveries are still "regular." Last year's box of Sulfanilamide was dropped into the ocean as it was being unloaded, so they had to wait nearly a year and a half for their order!! "Our medical work with white folk has doubled and tripled as very few can leave on furlough now. Just recently we equipped the new brick ward, which was built for native children, for the use of white people who must stay for a few days' dental work or who want a little vacation.

Not long ago Elat entertained the Inter-Mission Conference for missionaries in this part of Africa. Many of them are Scandinavians who have not heard from their homes since the invasion. Some of our missionaries are getting passage home now on American boats. Six recently returned via Capetown after a trip of about three months!

England has bought the Cameroun cocoa crop, so we have an increase of natives who can afford to come to the hospital for treatment.

We were about to go to our bush hospital fifty miles from here where nearly fifty people are waiting to be operated and a new ferry must be built with canoes hewn out of huge trees. However, a telegram came calling a doctor to go to our farthest station, over six hundred miles, to see one of our missionaries who is very ill, so Dr. and our nurse, Miss Marabelle Taylor, left at once and we must postpone our trip to the bush."

Helen Cornwall, 1929, sailed the 4th of April for Honolulu, where she has a position awaiting her.

Leona Diehl, 1928, accepted the position at the Dispensary made vacant by Miss Cornwall's resignation.

Marie Hardin, 1929, is now Chairman of the Private Duty Section of the Ill. State Nurses Ass'n. Miss Hardin was the speaker at their Council Meeting Luncheon, January 25, at Canton, Ill. Her topic was "Private Duty in the National Defense Program," and she stressed the importance of the National Survey and the need to return the questionnaire promptly.



## ALUMNAE NEWS LETTER

Margaret Morgan, 1929, writes from Seattle that she has found the perfect spot in which to live. "I have such a lovely apartment on the top floor of the building which is on the top of the first hill (and I do mean *hill*) coming out from town. There is an open lot next to us and then a steep drop down to the city. I have an unobstructed view of the city and on over Puget Sound to the ocean, a full view of the Olympic Mountain Range and, in the other direction, Mount Rainier. At present the mountains are snow capped but here in the city we have green grass, trees, and blooming flowers! I love it here, it is so gorgeously beautiful and seems to have everything for perfect living."

Dorothy Heffner, 1930, resigned her position as staff nurse at Presbyterian to accept one as Public Health Nurse for DuPage County.

Helen Christensen, 1931, has left her work at Children's Memorial Hospital and is working for the Infant Welfare department of the V. N. A. here, and enjoying that work very much.

Ida McDonald, 1931, of the Minneapolis General Hospital, was a caller this winter.

Frances Locke, 1931, of Hammond, Ind., writes, "Would have enjoyed coming to the Homecoming last Fall to see all the familiar faces and meet the new people who have come since I have been there. My work, however, does not make it convenient to get away on week days. I am still in the School Nursing field. The work is interesting and has the added advantage of leaving the summers free for going to school. I have spent five of the past seven summers in Peabody Teachers' College, in Nashville, Tenn. As a result of this, plus extension and correspondence courses, I finally managed to get my B. S. in Public Health this past August."

Miss Evelyn McKelvey, 1931, is on furlough from the Memorial Hospital at Sialkot City, Punjab, India, where she has been since 1933. Her parents are stationed in Central India about 26 hours from her. A sister, Miss Alice, graduates from P. H. S. N. this year. While here, Miss Evelyn has taken a course in Obstetrics at Rush College. One N. Y. school gives a course which is also honored by the English Board of Midwives. This board has jurisdiction over the School of Nursing where Miss McKel-

vey teaches in India. The school has an A rating, a capacity of 25 students, a 3 year regular course with government examination, and a 1 year P. G. course in Midwifery which is an essential for effective work there. Students are drawn from the middle and lower class girls, but the entrance requirements are high, including an eighth grade diploma which corresponds to our high schools. The Hospital is modern and well equipped though they *do* need more Xray equipment. Many of the teaching problems are unique and interesting, as in the limitations of the language. In Hindustani one word means "liver" and also means practically everything else in the whole abdomen! One other word covers veins, arteries, lymph, *and* nerves! Efforts are constantly directed toward raising the standards of nursing and the standing of nurses. Because of the low standing of women in India, girl orphans from the hospital are given for adoption only in Christian homes, where they are well treated.

On February 14, ten girls of the Spring Class of 1932 were guests of Naida Clausen Williams at a Stork Party honoring Myrtle Goetsch Kuthe of Melrose Park. Many letters and telegrams were received from out of town members who were unable to attend.

Marabelle Taylor, 1936, writes in part from the Thorne's station in Africa: "The native infant mortality rate is 53%. Superstition and ignorance threaten the life of every new born. While adults will now come to the hospital for treatment, faith in their own methods of treating children's ailments is very strong. A baby may be weak and not cry lustily at birth, or have pneumonia. Its fate is cold baths with herbs from the forest, or some burning powder may be spread over its body and into its eyes. It may not breathe very well because of a heart or lung condition. Down its nose go drops of some hot solution such as pepper water, or its chest is bound tightly with raphia. Their lovely soft skin is covered only by a girdle of beads, but oh, the itch! Handled constantly, they are nursed at the slightest wail. As soon as they can sit they are put on the earthen floor, for the beds are the only furniture and the babies might roll off them into the fire. Solid food is given early and when it falls to the floor, it is retrieved with the dust and re-



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turned to the mouth. The orphan's fare is corn milk, bananas, or peanut soup for superstition forbids wet-nursing. But I think the natives have something to teach us aside from the helpful drugs they have stumbled onto. They know how to relax, and they do not know how to worry. Evenings when the moon has transformed the village by its silver glory, the villagers gather round the drummers in the street. Those too old to be on their feet sit about on logs or leaves, their bodies swaying, their voices joining in the chant. No matter how wearisome the day, how heavy the loads, how long the journey, there are no signs of fatigue now. Every muscle relaxed, yet under perfect control, they dance on and on, intricate, graceful dances with muscles rippling, bodies quivering, grass bustles bobbing, and hands clapping. The baby's first introduction is from a sling on its mother's hip while she dances, and from the time it is old enough to sit up, it sways to the chants in perfect time. Then off to bed and sleep so sound that the rats and cockroaches eat the callouses off their feet undisturbed!

In the families of the graduates of our schools and the evangelists, teachers, and medical assistants, there is no 50% death rate for new borns. They have learned to eat on tables, keep the food off the floor, wash their hands, feed their children proper food, bathe, and wash their clothes. Such radical changes do not come all at once, but the natives are learning. Large Christian families, by their very number, are one of the strongest witnesses for the Christian way of life."

Marie Kolbus Steiner, 1938, writes from Atlanta, "Georgia is a grand place and I am looking forward to a lovely spring and summer here." Her husband is with the Veterans Administration and was transferred there in February.

Mary Don Smith Sutley, 1938, writes in part from Utah: "Salt Lake City is indeed a beautiful place. The city proper is built in a valley completely surrounded by mountains, and in driving one climbs until he is high above the city and can look back down at all the lights and pick out the points of interest.

One day we drove to Bingham, a town about forty miles from here and visited the

copper mine there. We watched them blast and load the ore. On our way we rode thru the longest underground roadway, or tunnel, in the world.

We have met some of the loveliest people and they have true western hospitality. Some of our choice friends are the Dr. E. Linwood Smiths and we have grand fun talking over the things we did at "Pres." Have also gone hunting with them several times. The Dr. C. A. Staffords are stationed at Fort Douglas, also. I had a "Presbyterian" dinner shortly after my arrival which also included Dr. and Mrs. Phil Howard and Dr. and Mrs. John Mason.

There are rumors that we may be sent to Alaska, which would mean two or more months separation from my husband!

I received the News Letter for the first time and read it from cover to cover. I was especially interested in Amy Ingram's letter. We are all anxious to hear any news from home."

Sprague Hall.

Dearest Sis:

In the spring a young girl's fancy isn't supposed to turn to thots of dances, proms, teas, capping and graduation, but Pres, en masse, is really buzzing with those activities.

We have our own weekly paper now. To keep informed of the latest Sprague Hall gossip just read the "Pres Scope"—it's really good, even if we have finished off two typewriters and a mimeograph machine trying to print it!

The following are bits from the weekly to let you know just how we are doing things:

Feb. 24—Two Seniors got to scrub for Pres' only TRIPLETS—oh joy! No competition to Senior A's bragging as they are the only ones so far.

Our first DANCE in years on the 28th brought out nearly 100 couples. We were really proud to show off our new Lounge.

Mar. 4—A super edition put out by the Junior A's with sketches and everything!

Plans are being made by the S. F. G. A. for redecorating the Roof Lounge.

Mar. 11—The Pre-Clinicals lost sleep over this issue but with a former college journalist as editor, they couldn't go wrong.

Capping services were held Mar. 28th at 7:30 in Sprague Hall and included 36 Pre-Clinical students. As always, it was very

impressive. The address was given by Miss Dolly Twitchell.

Mar. 18th—The Newshawks Junior A, furnished us with the weekly Prattle.

All of us enjoyed the Tea you (Alumnae) gave Miss Aylward on March 22nd. Thank you for allowing us to be among the hosts of friends who paid tribute to her.

Plans were announced for our next dance on April 4th. We like informal dances, good orchestras, and our fine dance floor—the combination is apparently successful, as there were over 125 couples.

Mar. 25—The Seniors have all had their pictures taken in WHITE uniforms—it felt wonderful! This year for the first time we are having a composite picture. We will show it to you at Graduation.

Speaking of our 'sweetest thought of the day,' Commencement, it will be a busy week

Friday, May 16th — our Junior-Senior Prom at the Columbia Yacht Club. It is \$2.50 per couple and we would enjoy having YOU there, too.

Saturday—the Senior A's are giving a 'Thank You' Tea for all of you who have made our stay at Pres so pleasant for us. The hours are from 3 to 5.

Sunday—Baccalaureate at 7:30 P. M. at the Third Presbyterian Church.

Monday—Miss Rogers entertains at dinner for all 75 of us in the Lounge.

Tuesday, May 20th—the Great Day—Commencement—here at Sprague Hall at 2:30 P. M.

Wednesday—Is it only a rumor (?) that we are lunching out with YOU (Alumnae)? You better think twice, as our appetites are terrific—but a hamburger will do if we can meet more Pres Grads.

Do you remember when you had to dash back to Maternity? Then I'm sure you will pardon me if this ending is a bit abrupt! Write soon. Love, Kay. P. S.

Do you know where 74 nurses can find positions with 2 vacations of 6 months each, every year?

Soon the new Cafeteria which has invaded the kitchen here at Sprague Hall will be ready for use. The food is now prepared in the hospital, under the direction of Miss Hunziker, and carried through the tunnel in a very tricky cart, to the dining room.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Dr. and Mrs. George Callahan (Amelia Mazzarana, 1924) of Waukegan, a daughter, Lucia, March 18, at Presbyterian.

To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Witt (Louise Bartholomous, 1927), a son, David Barth, on March 7, at Presbyterian.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Andree (Margaret Vollmer, 1928), a son on December 8, at Berwyn, Ill.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson (Alice Pallin, 1931), a daughter, Sandra Sue.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kuthe (Myrtle Geotsch, 1932) of Melrose Park, a son, Alfred III, on March 20, at Presbyterian.

To Mr. and Mrs. Victor Klein (Eleanor Smith, 1934), a daughter, Susan Jo, on March 23 at Presbyterian.

To Dr. and Mrs. David Stratton (Hila Richards, 1938), a daughter, Anne Richards, on March 21 at San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Stratton has finished his special training at San Antonio and is transferred to the Department of Aviation Medicine at Ft. Benning, Ga.

## MARRIAGES

Jessie Tulloch, 1930, to Mr. Chester Vielmetti on January 18, at Waukegan, Ill.

Elnora Johannes, 1932, to Mr. Roald Rolfson of Wausau, Wis., on February 7, at Dubuque, Iowa.

Helen Johns, 1932, to Mr. Charles Germaine on December 14.

Eva Luck, 1933, to Mr. Harold Donnelly on December 14.

Esther Brooks, 1935, to Mr. Gordon McKenzie at Wheaton, Ill.

Helen Vestergaard, 1935, to Mr. Walter Jones on March 15, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Chicago.

Marie Carlson, 1940, to Mr. Herman Stone on March 7. Mrs. Stone is on the examining room staff at Pres.

Georgia Weurding, 1940, to Mr. Francis Derick at the Second Presbyterian Church on April 23rd. Mrs. Derick is a member of the nursing staff at Presbyterian.

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And from a member of the Senior Class, comes this message: "May I thank the Alumnae Association through you for the lovely luncheon on Wednesday? It was most inspiring and made each of us feel that we actually belong now."

At the June 3rd meeting it was voted to charge interest at the rate of  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  on all loans from the Sick Benefit and Loan Fund. Such action makes the loans legal.

### ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES

The N.L.N.E. in Detroit last May was attended by Dorothy Rogers, Elphia Flugum, Astrid Lund, Frances Brewer, Selma Moody, Mrs. C. B. McNeill, and Mrs. Madelon Reeves. Miss Rogers had an active part in the program. A Presbyterian Breakfast drew 18 of our nurses to the board.

Mr. Lutes and Mrs. Hyde have again made it possible for you to receive a Hospital Bulletin which contains real news of great interest to every Alumnae of P.H.S.N.

Also in this issue is an account of the Alumnae Luncheon and a list of the 1921 graduates attending. 19 of them sat down together and later 3 more came in to join the circle at the 1st District Club Rooms where the old days were resurrected and savored again. By the way, WHICH one of YOU carried sugar home in that LEAKING hot water bottle? 14 die-hards then adjourned to the Auditorium Hotel for dinner and more chatter, after which they reluctantly parted UNTIL Nov. 11, when they hope to repeat the reunion with many more of you present. Hazel Taylor is home from Shanghai with tall tales of the East, and the rest of you have time enough to plan for it. We promise that there will be one Grandmother present among you!

Telephone messages came from Ruth Bridge Flynn of Chicago, Mary Harrington Metcalf of Woodstock, and Sarah Marie Scott Barber of Evanston. Telegrams were read from Ethel Armstrong of Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati, and Florence Swindell of Monrovia, Calif. There were letters from 9 of you.

Dorothy Burgess claims to be more farmer than nurse now, down at Bement, Ill.

Dorothy Gross Grant, her husband and two children live in Pelham, N. Y., where she keeps busy with Girl Scout, P.T.A.,

Church, Red Cross, Adult School, and Republican Committee work.

Margaret Hope was in Kansas City, Mo., with her brother who had been ill.

Ethel Knapp Van Wort lives on a farm near Evansville, Wis., with her husband and small daughter. She sees Lucy Langmack Klein of Janesville occasionally.

Gladys Nelson Asher nearly flew up for the reunion from Kansas City, Mo., where she lives with her husband and two children. She is in touch with Margaret Hope and Dorothy Baker Giles.

Vera Ogren Williams missed the invitation while on a trip with her M.D. husband.

Laura Reed Allen and her family live in LaGrange, Ill.

Louise Simmons Schneider wrote from Menlo Park, Calif., where she lives in a charming guest house on her patient's estate.

Jessie Stevenson, advisor to the N. O. P. H. N. in New York City, is busy on another "brain child." She will, however, be here for the Nov. 11th reunion.

Begin now to lay your plans to be here to see for yourselves what fun a reunion can be!

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The class of 1931 has a 21-page mimeographed Round Robin Letter with 24 chapters that is a very interesting book. Excerpts from it follow.

Margaret Burkwal wrote from a boat which was returning her to Hoihow after a month's vacation in Hongkong. She had shopped for everyone in the Mission and came home laden with brake linings, bicycle tires, thread, office supplies, and even rabbits! Hainan is in Japanese occupied territory and the real story of conditions there cannot yet be told. They often despair of having enough medicine to last until the next shipment arrives. Miss Burkwal was to be Director of Nursing on her return. There were four girls and two boys in the Fall class, all of whom have had some high school work. They have taken on two women as nurse's helpers, or Amahs, who wait on patients at night and act as night watch for the entire premises. They are very responsible and are able to handle the emotional problems of the natives well.

Gladys Baker is Science Instructor at Hackensack Hospital in N. J., only an hour from the heart of New York City and a few hours from the Pocono Mountains in



## ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES—Cont.

Margaret Brown, 1921, is now located in Racine, Wis. where her sister, Ruth, 1910, is Superintendent of St. Lukes Hospital S.N.

Hazel Taylor, 1921, arrived in Chicago on August 1 enroute from Shanghai to Beaver Dam, Wis. She expects to spend some time in Chicago this winter where she will study nursing school administration.

Mary M. Anderson, 1923, is Visiting Representative of the Michigan State Board of Registration for Nurses and Attendants, located in Lansing.

Ethel Davis Davies, 1924, is now on the Examining Room staff at Pres.

Callers this Spring included Margaret Handlin, 1929, of the Division of Dental Health Education, and Hazel Altman, 1925, Advisory Nurse in Public Health in District No. 4 of the State Dept., both of Moline, Ill. They were in Chicago attending the first Annual Meeting of the newly organized State Public Health Nurses' Assn.

Elizabeth Christensen Swanson, 1925, is now located in Rockford, Ill., while her husband, Dr. Paul, is at the Medical Replacement Center at Camp Grant.

Evelyn A. Ellingson, 1926, is with the Bureau of Public Health Nursing in Lansing, Mich. This is a State Dept. of Health activity and has to do with children particularly.

Esther Frentz Nystrom, 1927, is taking a brush-up course at Pres. this summer.

Mary Watson, 1931, has an article on "Frozen Breast Milk" in the June issue of the American Journal of Nursing.

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Helenglen Kennedy, 1937, is on the staff at Cook County Psychiatric Hospital.

Joyce Notier, 1938, is doing V. N. A. work in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Winifred Hoekstra, 1938, writes from Rehoboth, New Mexico: "I am nursing in a Mission Hospital for the Navajo Indians in the scenic Southwest, and am enjoying it very much. I am glad I had a little pharmacy and a good course in Drugs and Solutions at Pres for, besides doing routine nursing, I have charge of the Pharmacy here.

The Doctor in charge of our Hospital keeps in touch with the newest drugs and treatments and uses them. In a 40 bed hospital such as ours, one does a little of everything. I scrub for a good many operations, help with deliveries and even give anaesthetics. Nursing is more interesting when it is varied. We have 3 registered nurses and 3 practical nurses, 2 of whom are Indians. We also do a good deal of mission work.

We are situated among the red rocks and hills near the Continental Divide, hence the altitude is very high. To visitors, the enchanting and colorful scenes provide an unusual treat. Rehoboth, with its mission buildings lying snugly between the reddish-brown hills outlined against a clear blue sky, is a scene of grandeur itself.

During the harvest festival in October, Christian Indians from far and near gathered at Rehoboth for a spiritual refreshing. The Navajo women came dressed in their velvet blouses and brightly colored widely gathered skirts and made a pretty scene as they formed in line with their families for the dinner served each day."

Margaret Corliss, 1938, recently finished her studies in the Salvation Army School here in Chicago and received her commission and appointment to the Salvation Army Home and Hospital here. This summer, however, she is located at their Camp in Wisconsin where she is Camp Nurse until September. The Camp accommodates about 500 so she is a busy lady. She will continue to be so as she will resume her studies along with her duties this Fall.

Helen Currier, 1938, has resigned as Clinical Medical Supervisor at Pres. and joined the staff of St. Lukes in New York City.

Frances Brewer, of Wesley Memorial Hospital, who has been head nurse on 2nd upper has accepted the position vacated by Miss Currier.

Irene Kleis, 1938, writes from Holland, Mich.: "We are in the midst of our 'Tulip Time' here and it surely is a gala event. The weather so far has been perfect and the flowers are at their peak today—and the crowds and traffic seem to be at a new high.

"My new position at the Holland Furnace Co. is proving very enjoyable. There is a little more responsibility connected with this work because the company doctor is



And from a member of the Senior Class, comes this message: "May I thank the Alumnae Association through you for the lovely luncheon on Wednesday? It was most inspiring and made each of us feel that we actually belong now."

At the June 3rd meeting it was voted to charge interest at the rate of 1½% on all loans from the Sick Benefit and Loan Fund. Such action makes the loans legal.

### ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES

The N.L.N.E. in Detroit last May was attended by Dorothy Rogers, Elphia Flugum, Astrid Lund, Frances Brewer, Selma Moody, Mrs. C. B. McNeill, and Mrs. Madelon Reeves. Miss Rogers had an active part in the program. A Presbyterian Breakfast drew 18 of our nurses to the board.

Mr. Lutes and Mrs. Hyde have again made it possible for you to receive a Hospital Bulletin which contains real news of great interest to every Alumnae of P.H.S.N.

Also in this issue is an account of the Alumnae Luncheon and a list of the 1921 graduates attending. 19 of them sat down together and later 3 more came in to join the circle at the 1st District Club Rooms where the old days were resurrected and savored again. By the way, WHICH one of YOU carried sugar home in that LEAKING hot water bottle? 14 die-hards then adjourned to the Auditorium Hotel for dinner and more chatter, after which they reluctantly parted UNTIL Nov. 11, when they hope to repeat the reunion with many more of you present. Hazel Taylor is home from Shanghai with tall tales of the East, and the rest of you have time enough to plan for it. We promise that there will be one Grandmother present among you!

Telephone messages came from Ruth Bridge Flynn of Chicago, Mary Harrington Metcalf of Woodstock, and Sarah Marie Scott Barber of Evanston. Telegrams were read from Ethel Armstrong of Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati, and Florence Swindell of Monrovia, Calif. There were letters from 9 of you.

Dorothy Burgess claims to be more farmer than nurse now, down at Bement, Ill.

Dorothy Gross Grant, her husband and two children live in Pelham, N. Y., where she keeps busy with Girl Scout, P.T.A.,

Church, Red Cross, Adult School, and Republican Committee work.

Margaret Hope was in Kansas City, Mo., with her brother who had been ill.

Ethel Knapp Van Wort lives on a farm near Evansville, Wis., with her husband and small daughter. She sees Lucy Langmack Klein of Janesville occasionally.

Gladys Nelson Asher nearly flew up for the reunion from Kansas City, Mo., where she lives with her husband and two children. She is in touch with Margaret Hope and Dorothy Baker Giles.

Vera Ogren Williams missed the invitation while on a trip with her M.D. husband.

Laura Reed Allen and her family live in LaGrange, Ill.

Louise Simmons Schneider wrote from Menlo Park, Calif., where she lives in a charming guest house on her patient's estate.

Jessie Stevenson, advisor to the N. O. P. H. N. in New York City, is busy on another "brain child." She will, however, be here for the Nov. 11th reunion.

Begin now to lay your plans to be here to see for yourselves what fun a reunion can be!

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The class of 1931 has a 21-page mimeographed Round Robin Letter with 24 chapters that is a very interesting book. Excerpts from it follow.

Margaret Burkwal wrote from a boat which was returning her to Hoihow after a month's vacation in Hongkong. She had shopped for everyone in the Mission and came home laden with brake linings, bicycle tires, thread, office supplies, and even rabbits! Hainan is in Japanese occupied territory and the real story of conditions there cannot yet be told. They often despair of having enough medicine to last until the next shipment arrives. Miss Burkwal was to be Director of Nursing on her return. There were four girls and two boys in the Fall class, all of whom have had some high school work. They have taken on two women as nurse's helpers, or Amahs, who wait on patients at night and act as night watch for the entire premises. They are very responsible and are able to handle the emotional problems of the natives well.

Gladys Baker is Science Instructor at Hackensack Hospital in N. J., only an hour from the heart of New York City and a few hours from the Pocono Mountains in



the Garden State of Pennsylvania, where, in her car, she enjoys the dogwood, rhododendron, etc.

June Barnum has had a very interesting series of experiences in the field of psychiatric nursing and now has her degree in nursing education from Columbia. At present she is Asst. Director of Nursing at Manteno State Hospital here in Ill. and has promised to come up to our meetings.

Zora Bauer McAfee is kept busy in Brighton, Ill., with three small children.

Edna Bowman Bengston is leading a busy life as a farmer's wife about five miles from Cambridge, Ill. She has kept up her music and is active in various organizations.

Helen Christensen spent five years as a missionary nurse in Chile, at Santiago, and Rancagua, about fifty miles away. There she worked with a Chilean pediatrician organizing baby clinics and visiting in the homes. They were amazed at the lowering of infant mortality rates with only what they could accomplish. Helen is now doing V.N.A. work in Chicago.

Henrietta Eppink is at the New York Hospital in the O. B. dept. She relates that Beulah Hartman, 1932, is now Mrs. Miller.

Gladys Hanson Pierce is at Creston, Ill., with her husband. She resigned this spring from the staff at Pres.

Doris Helbing is doing P. D. at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. Eight-hour duty allows her time to enjoy the sunshine and the beaches, etc.

Ann Hill is with the Infant Welfare Society in Chicago.

Eloise Inglis Hale, her husband, and daughter live in Waukon, "the Switzerland of Iowa."

Daisy Langnes Peelen, her M.D. husband and "two pink-haired" (so she says) daughters, live in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Evelyn McKelvey, who went to India in 1933, after 13 years away from the land of her birth, says that "it even smelled familiar"!! "For 6 summers I was Supt. of the nursing and housekeeping staffs in the Landour Community Hospital in the Himalaya mountains. My job varied quite a bit—from delivering babies to exhuming the septic tank, and cooking the noon meal for about 20 patients, when I found the cook had absconded with the day's cash for supplies.

During the winters I worked on the plains with a different type of people under different conditions. The hill people are one class and have one language and the plains people have another. There are some 300 dialects in India, of which I know but 3. The main language of the Mohammedans is Urdu or Persian, that of the Hindus is Hindustani based on Sanscrit. Besides these I could converse in Punjabi, the dialect of the Punjab where I was born and lived 15 years before coming to the U. S. A. to finish school and take training.

"The Indian nurses are improving; educational standards are being raised; but they haven't yet arrived at the stage where they will accept responsibility. We American nurses must constantly check up on them and be responsible. It is a strain and we need more American nurses so the students may have adequate training and supervision. When we have a 'crack' American surgeon, who demands superior nursing technique, we have to be on our toes to see that our nurses 'deliver the goods.'

"I've been interested in picking up modern methods of training—because when I first went to India, I found myself in entire charge of a school! For some time I've been wishing we had a scholarship in each of our 4 girls' mission schools to help some youngster who is good nursing material to study the extra 2 years now required for entrance to training. It would take about \$15 a year and would certainly pay dividends.

"I'm also out to try to find an O.B. dummy, because our nurses, after the 3 years' training, take an added year of 'midwifery.' How you would laugh to see the old wooden thing we have rigged up for the girls to use in practice!

"It has been interesting to note the progress here in U. S. A. in the last 7½ years in medicine and nursing. I took a P.G. course in Chicago State Hospital just to learn what is new in Psychiatry.

"If conditions on the Pacific get no more strenuous than at present, I'll be sailing back to India in August."

Ida McDonald is in the central office of the School of Nursing of the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. This office coordinates the program in the 3 hospitals where students receive their clinical experience.

Edith Nielson is in the department of surgery in the New York Hospital and is a Red Cross Reserve Nurse.

Marion Rock Geerlings, her M.D. husband, and tiny daughter, have lived in Fremont, Mich. for two years.

Mary Smith Hoyt lives in Mt. Vernon, N. Y. with her husband and a "red headed little cyclone named Sam."

Audrey Spawn Gallion and her husband live in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where she was county and school nurse for 3 years and is now State Supervising Nurse for the Migratory Health Assn. She has 8 Camps in a 200-mile radius. This is a new work under the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture which was instigated largely as a result of "Grapes of Wrath." "The Camps are beautifully landscaped and offer the facilities of a complete small community, including a school, nursery school, movie, recreation center with a director, and a complete medical clinic, including simple dental care, and, when necessary, hospitalization.

"There will be an opening for a nurse with P.H. training or experience (in August), salary is \$1440 at present but expect it to reach \$1660 soon. The opening will be at Homestead, a small community between Miami and Key West."

While she was doing county nursing, Mrs. Gallion's work covered maternal and child health, venereal disease, communicable disease and tuberculosis control, midwifery, and school nursing. The idea was to avoid duplication of service and to let one nurse take care of all her families' problems. One of the most interesting phases of her work was the teaching and supervision of 14 colored midwives with a record of no maternal deaths for 320 patients in one year. "One old midwife we call Katie, tells how she has been 'catching babies' since she was 10 years old; how she stayed all night with a girl friend who delivered and she had to catch the baby and that was the first time she knew they didn't find babies in old hollow tree stumps. Sometimes when the family won't pay them they take the baby until they do. I have two now who took babies and the families just let them keep them. The children are 5 and 6 now and the midwives refer to them as their 'bad debts,' but they wouldn't part with them for anything.

The most gratifying part of my work has been the securing of glasses, tonsillectomies

and dental care for the indigent white children. There were no free clinic services so I made arrangements with various civic clubs to pay the bills. We even got a cafeteria started in one school where the children were going all day without food."

Virginia Ray, O.R.; Mary Meith, Night Supervisor; and Martha Strauch, Head Nurse, are all at Pres.

Wilma van Doorninck Rempe is proficient in "keeping meals hot" for her M.D. husband and small daughter in Cassville, Wis., "a pretty little town nestled between steep wooded bluffs and the Mississippi River near Prairie du Chein."

Helen Walker Blashek and husband live in Chicago where she does P.D. at Pres.

Elizabeth Harmon is Teaching Supervisor on a surgical floor in the New York Hospital.

Dot Rice Pearson, her M.D. husband, and small daughter live in Inglewood, Calif. She has visited her sister in Honolulu, and frequently sees Dory Helbing.

Alice Pallin Johnson, her husband, and tiny daughter live in Chicago.

Blanche Kennell Eisele, who engineered the Round Robin and a reunion last Fall, has an M.D. husband in the Dept. of Medicine at the University of Chicago, and a small daughter. They were in New Orleans in 1933 when Jeannette Korngold was Superintendent of Nurses at Charity Hospital there. "Many of you will be interested to know that Dr. Jacobs (U. of Chi.) is in Africa on Malaria Control work for the Rockefeller Foundation." While in Denver last summer, the Eiseles saw Sylvia Kirk Halaas, her husband (Prof. of Finance at U. of Denver) and their son.

Millie Brown, 1909, was guest of honor at a Shower Party on August 12. Hostesses were Elphia Flugum, Margaret McEwen, and Lelith Davis of 1926, and Marie Harden of 1929.

Catherine Buckley, 1912, has been appointed a member of the Advisory Committee to the School of Nursing at Presbyterian. It is most fortunate for the School to have the benefit of Miss Buckley's unusual ability and experience in the field of Nursing Education.

Dorys Zinn Hines, 1920, had Lola Williams Youmans, 1920, of Nashville, Tenn. with her at the Alumnae Luncheon.



stationed at his office in town and is called for only those cases that I cannot take care of. The injuries are mostly minor but many. It is the first time I've ever had an opportunity to use any of our First Aid Training and at first I actually had ten thumbs when bandaging!

"I am to send greetings from Lois Geerds Fairbanks, 1939. She seems very busy with her household duties and a little private duty nursing now and then. There is a great scarcity of nurses here."

Ruth Alderson, 1939, has returned to her duties in the Health Dept. at P.H.S.N. after several weeks with her mother who has been seriously ill.

Eugenie Grauer, 1940, is on the staff at Cook County Psychiatric.

Mary Pierce, 1940, writes from Pasadena, Calif., where she and Mildred Richardson, 1938, are on the staff of Huntington Memorial Hospital: "We applied only at this hospital and were told almost immediately that we were accepted. I am so glad I am a *Presbyterian Nurse!* The Educational Director is Lillian Vosloh, 1933, and it is needless to say that seeing her cap and pin was like an essence from home. The hospital is very nice and has a capacity of 225 beds. They seem to need nurses here in Calif. at the present time." (So do we in Chicago!)

### MARRIAGES

Delia Lampe, 1924, to Dr. Wilfred J. Bruder on June 1st in New York City.

Violet Wilson, 1932, to Theodore Crisswell at the Little Brown Church of Nashua, Iowa. They will make make their home on a farm near Brandon. Mrs. Crisswell has been school nurse in Vinton for the past 5 years.

Grace Fredrick, 1939, to Mr. John W. Rexroat on August 2 in Oak Park.

Catherine H. Ollis, 1940, to John W. McPheeters, Jr., on June 8 in Ord, Nebr.

Julia Harrison, 1941, to Dr. Orin L. Davidson, Jr., on June 28 in Tampa, Fla.

Marjorie McFerren, 1941, to Dr. Gustav Kauffman at Hoopeston, Ill. on August 16.

Dr. and Mrs. Kauffman will be at home in Andover, Mass.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Wood (Madeline Swetland, 1929), a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, in Honolulu.

To Dr. and Mrs. Frank Blatchford (Maude Bakke, 1930), a son on June 27, at Presbyterian.

To Dr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks (Annabeth McCumber, 1932), a daughter, Susan Jane, on July 22 at Presbyterian.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Gates (Isabel McTavish, 1933), a daughter, Sara Ann, on June 5th at Presbyterian.

To Rev. and Mrs. James Paul (Mildred Neevel, 1934), a son, Theodore Otis, on April 18, at Waco, Texas.

To Mr. and Mrs. Otto Litt (Catherine Krattebol, 1935), a daughter, Marjorie Ann, on July 19, at Presbyterian.

To Dr. and Mrs. Charles Stafford (Kathryn Froscher, 1935), a daughter at Salt Lake City in June.

To Dr. and Mrs. John Hoffman (Evelyn Woeckener, 1937), a daughter, Susan Clare, at Presbyterian on August 9. Mrs. Hoffman resigned from the O.B. staff at Pres. last spring. Dr. Hoffman is stationed at Ft. George, Meade, Md.

To Dr. and Mrs. Horace McGee (Sylvia Thompson, 1937), a son, on May 12, in St. Paul, Minn.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gale Hollinger (Nora Stauffer, 1939), a son, David Gale, on June 14, at Pres.

To Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boyer (Marion L. Berg, 1939), a daughter, Diane, on July 13, at Presbyterian.

### SYMPATHY

The sincere sympathy of the Alumnae Association is extended to Virginia Ray, 1931, whose brother was recently killed while with the R. A. F. in Canada;

And to Barbara Brown, 1937, who was recently called home by the death of her father.



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## UNIT 13

Many of you will soon be entering the "Service." If you wish to "serve" with your Unit 13, write to Miss Froehlke at once—telling the type of nursing you are doing, your Red Cross number, and your name, address, and telephone number.

Dr. L. C. Gatewood spoke to the graduate group and the senior students on December 17th, on the organization of the Unit. There will be 120 nurses selected from an expected 200 applications. The age limits are 22 to 40 years, tho, of course, the chief nurse may be older.

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## ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES

The members of the class of 1941 are meeting the challenge of these unprecedented busy times with the same fine spirit which is to be found wherever there are nurses. Nineteen of them are now members of the Hospital Nursing Staff:

Frieda Bauerle, Elizabeth Duncan, Goldie Decker, Marguerite Flockhart, Mary Lou Feldman, Louise Humke, Verna Hoiby, Betty Holmgren, Jayn Kassner, Myrtle Lepien, Louise Leonard, Kathryn Meyer, Joan Meilaas, Eleanor Rust, Magdelene Steward, Jean Smith, Delmara Sollis, Beatrice Symmes, and Bonnie Jean Cruickshank Tarun.

Last summer, during vacation period when the hospital was so full, forty-four of our Private Duty Nurses came into the hospital for six days each of General Duty. The entire Staff as well as those in charge were most grateful to the following:—

Eva Luck Donnelly, Harriet Yeoman, Dorothy Simms, Marion Giddings, Frieda Zehr, Ethel Holbrook two weeks, Winifred Player, Helen Wilder, Kathryn Thompson, Adella Remus, Alice Peterson 2 weeks, Marion Rysdorp, Margaret Altman, Helen Blashke, Lucy Legorreta, Iceda Graff, Isabelle Rogers, Charlotte Turner, Florence Hoag, Margaret Montgomery, Marjorie Edwards, Genevieve Beier 2 weeks, Ruth Bergstrom, Margaret Hardy, Mable Blotz, Erma Brannon, Olive Ruger, Bretha Gaeckle, Cleo Jamison, Dorothy Anderson, Bessie Norstrom, Frances Zoller, Virginia Davis, Helen Meyer, Harriet Mathews, Mangheld Widga,

Margaret Kusel, Marie Harden, Lelith Davis, Lela Cady, Esther Anderson, Helen Fuhlbrigge, and Florence Smith.

Mr. Lutes has arranged for each of you to receive copies of the Hospital Bulletin as they are published. We feel certain that this will be a most welcome courtesy.

This year marks the 20th anniversary for the class of 1921, you know, and it was well represented at the Homecoming Luncheon and Tea. There were 22 present then and 3 others came to the Dinner Dance. Ruth Bridge Flynn and Coralyn Davis, of Chicago, Eula Davies Masters of Monticello, Ind., Florence Eckdahl Graham of Glen Ellyn, Anita Ellingson of Chicago, Helen Fitch Meyers, Grand Rapids, Mich., Dorothy Gross Grant of Pelham, N. Y., Esther Harper Gatewood of Highland Park, Ill., Mary Harrington Metcalfe of Woodstock, Ill., Margaret Hope, Ruth Horn, Hazel Jones, all of Chicago, Johanna Keiser Kedler of Crystal Lake, Ill., Doris Kerwin of Milwaukee, Wis., Lucy Langmack Klein of Janesville, Wis., Julia MacNeill and Mary Louise Morley of Chicago, Edith Margaret Potts, of New York City, Laura Reed Allan of LaGrange, Ill., Anna Reike and Louise Simmons of Chicago, Helen Starr Pettee of Winnetka, Ill., Alma May Stewart, Ella Van Horn, and Clarisse Galloway of Chicago, made up the roll call. Hazel Taylor was in Pennsylvania on a speaking tour so was unable to be present. This group and Jessie Stevenson presented the School with 20 lovely American Beauty roses and a tall vase for the occasion.



## ALUMNAE NEWS LETTER

On October 7th, at 8 P. M., the Alumnae Ass'n. held a social meeting to meet the new Director of P. H. S. N., Miss Froehlke.

At the business meeting \$100 from Mrs. Wm. B. Lloyd's gift fund was assigned to the T. B. Fund for Weeks Free Care; and \$100 from the Sick Benefit Fund was assigned to the 1st. District Service and Aid Fund in response to an appeal.

Because of the difficulty in gathering a quorum for a September meeting, it was decided to hold the first Fall meeting on the first Tuesday in October. Also the Social Meeting in June is now an established "called" meeting.

It was decided to turn over to the Hospital Board of Managers the money held by the Mary Byrne Committee.

Miss Twitchell was our delegate to the Convention in Urbana in October.

At the December Meeting a gift of \$10 from Mrs. Irons was assigned for use at the annual Christmas Party for neighborhood children; and one of \$50 from Miss Buckley was applied to the Helena McMillan Fund. These gifts were appreciatively acknowledged.

The following officers and directors were elected: 1st Vice President, Florence Coon; Recording Secretary, Madelon Reeves; Corresponding Secretary, Carrie Belle McNeill; Directors, Millie Brown Sebert, Ella Van Horn, and Gladys Heikens.

Catherine Buckley, Eula Butzerin, Alice Morse, and Charlotte Landt were appointed as members of an Educational Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Reeves was elected as substitute for Miss Twitchell at the Annual Business Meeting of the First District on Dec. 10th.

Alice Morse, Marie Harden, and Gladys Heikens were among those elected to the Board of Directors of the First District on December 10th at the annual business meeting.

### ALUMNAE NEWS

Alma Foerster, 1910, is doing an interesting piece of work for the Nat'l Youth Organization down state in Illinois at Mt. Vernon and in the counties running east of there to Ind. She will round up all the unemployed and unmarried youth between the ages of 17 and 24 for a physical checkup and follow thru. She has promised to tell us more about the work at a later date.

Ella M. Ottery, 1916, of Santa Barbara, Calif., has recently enjoyed the sport of joining a conducted climbing of Mt. Whitney in that state, which, as some of you know is a real trip!

Jessie Turner LaMar, 1917, writes that she kept actively in touch with nursing at St. Mary's Ringling Hospital in Baraboo, Wis., doing P.D. and helping out on General Duty occasionally. "Of course I do not work very steadily as I have a husband and two children; our son, Dean, is a Lt. in the Army and graduated from the U. of Wis. last year. Dorothy will graduate from high school this year. I am proud to say I am a graduate of P. H. S. N. I should like to hear from some of my former classmates and acquaintances."

Mary Bricker, 1921, was granted a Certificate in Public Health Nursing from Western Reserve University in Cleveland in June. She is and has been for some time, with the Public Schools Health Service at Benton Harbor, Mich.

Mary Albert McGuffin, 1922, of Calgary, Alberta, Dom. of Can., was a December caller. This is her first trip to Pres. since she graduated. Mrs. McGuffin has two boys, 16 and 11 years of age. On her way here she visited Blanche Bechtold Elliott in Minneapolis, who has two daughters, 16 and 11 years of age.

Gladys Baldwin, 1923, of the Urology Out-Patient Clinic at Albany Hospital, Albany, N. Y., was a September visitor at Pres.

Edna Lewis, 1923, M. A. Teachers College, Columbia University, left the Dept. of Nursing Education at the George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tenn., to become the Director of Public Health Nursing at Loyola University, Chicago. Miss Lewis was president of the Southern Division of A. N. A. 1937-39 and is a member of Board of Directors of A. N. A.

Mary M. Anderson, 1923, was a summer caller. She is the Visiting Representative of the Michigan State Board of Registration for Nurses and Trained Attendants with headquarters in Lansing, Mich.

Jean McClurkin Downey, 1924, of Aledo, Ill., makes an interesting comment on our profession. "Miss Brainerd gave me a copy of (the hospital year book) and I thoroughly enjoyed it and had a feeling of pride that I had the privilege of graduating from such a wonderful institution. I can think of no



## ALUMNAE NEWS—Cont.

other profession more adaptable in life than that of nursing. Even if I hadn't so much regular nursing to do for my mother and sister, I would still feel that in family life my nursing experience is invaluable. It is surprising how wise an R. N. is supposed to be, by the laity! Our schools, churches, and community in general call on us for so many services—who dares to suggest that a nurse's training is wasted because she may nurse only one year after graduation!"

The class of 1938 recently added about \$50.00 to the Russell Loan Fund for Students. This amount was the residual of a Book Fund for the Library, a project of that class. The necessary action was taken by the 1938 class members still actively associated with the School and Hospital.

Helen Currier, 1938, had an article on Nursing in Nephritis in the August issue of the A. J. N. Miss Currier is now located in New York City.

Barbara Cruickshank, 1939, accepted a position as head nurse on 2nd. upper September 1st.

Ruth Servis, 1940, who is a staff nurse in the O. B. Dept. at Sloane Hospital in the Columbia Medical Center in New York City, was a September caller.

Margaret Brunsting, 1941, is doing V. N. A. work in Waterloo, Iowa.

Lorraine Harberts, 1941, is at the Sage Memorial Hospital in Ganado, Ariz., "the heart of the Navajo Reservation. Warm Christmas greetings to each of you! Maybe you think it is a bit early (Dec. 2) but we are celebrating Christmas in one of our out stations this coming Saturday. Then the 20th we will have the celebration for the Indians near our Mission. They have learned from past experience that by Xmas Day the roads are so bad and the weather is such that it is hard for the Indians to get here. It will all be a new experience and I am certainly looking forward to it."

Janet Fenn Winans, of Maywood, Ill., and Cleland Winans Bone of McIntosh, S. D., both of 1927, were here in August to view the changes in the Home and Hospital.

Lt. Anita Foss, 1927, has been transferred from Ft. Sheridan to Ft. Fitzsimons at Denver, Colo.

Erna Dierken Boylson, 1928, of Tuscola, Ill., was a caller this Fall. She has been

able to keep in touch with the newer trends in medicine thru assisting her M.D. husband at times.

Theo Pierce, 1928, was a recent caller. She is one of three night Supervisors working from 7 to 7 in 8 hour shifts, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. That hospital has a census of about 370 patients with four Residents and two Internes on duty. The night Supervisors have charge of the admitting office; *however*, most of their patients enter in the late afternoon!

Marie Harden, 1929, recently acting State Chairman of the P. Duty Nurses, has been elected to that office for a two year term.

Gladys Heikens, 1930, resigned as P. H. Nurse in Hinsdale to take a position with the Chicago Mat'y. Center.

Dorothy Heffner, 1930, has taken the position in Hinsdale vacated by Gladys Heikens.

Virginia Ray, 1931, who has been on the staff at Pres. since June 1932, and in the operating room since February, 1933, resigned December 1st and left for Denver, Colo.

Helen Sonstelli, 1933, was called to her home in Kaspeil, Mont., early this Fall by the illness of her father.

Ione Williams, 1933, resigned from her position with the V. N. A. in Waterloo, Ia., to accept a call to enter the Army Service.

Marabelle Taylor, 1936, who is working at a Mission Hospital in the Cameroun in Africa with Dr. and Mrs. George W. Thorne (Winona Hayeuga, 1928), writes most interesting, in part: "The jungles are still as breathtaking in their silvery beauty by moonlight as when I first saw them. The sunsets are as gorgeous; the dense green forest depths as peaceful. Still I am fascinated by the women at work. The children have made the happiest and also the saddest impressions. In too many places nearly as many die as live because of the filth and superstition of their parents. For us there is weariness, illness, strain; the everlasting mold and rust to spoil things; the months of waiting for the post, the mail ships at the bottom of the sea; the thickly inhabited flour. But that is not all. There are precious friendships and hours of deep spiritual fellowship, times of fun and frolic. That is why I would rather be in my home in Africa than any place else in the whole wide world."



## ALUMNAE NEWS LETTER

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Dorothy Yates, 1937, writes from Seattle, "The hospitals here are all very busy. Mrs. Klein (Harriet, 1922) is working at Swedish and lives only a few blocks from me. A couple weeks ago I took a boat trip to Victoria—it is a very lovely place and I especially enjoyed having tea at the beautiful Empress Hotel. My best regards to all."

### MARRIAGES

Martha E. Shaw, 1928, to Dr. Roy H. Anderson of Kansas City, on August 28th, at Thorndike Hilton Chapel, University of Chicago.

Mildred McKnight, 1932, to Mr. Joseph Martin on September 27th.

Lena Mae Winkler, 1934, to Mr. Harold M. Bode on November 15th in Milwaukee, Wis.

Lois Stoddard, 1938, to Dr. Edward Kunckel on December 6th, in Lexington, Ky. Dr. Kunckel is Resident in Surgery at Louisville City Hospital.

Alice McKelvey, 1941, to Mr. James McDonald in Hartford, Wis., at the home of her grandmother.

Genevieve Staskey, 1941, to Mr. F. K. Mullendore of Hersham, Ill.

Carol Knapp, 1941, to Mr. Clarence E. Balgemann on September 27th.

Catherine Adams, 1941, to Mr. David Buchan on October 18th.

Olga Hohm, 1941, to Rev. William M. Pfantz of Ft. Collins, Colo., on November 21st in Yale, So. Dak.

Dorothea Ernest, 1941, to Dr. George F. McIntosh on November 27th, at Hammond, Ind.

Bonnie Jean Cruickshank, to Mr. Donald Tarun on August 30th, at Sturgis, So. Dak.

Maribel Weckerly, 1941, to Mr. John Hazlet on October 16th, at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Karl Conklin (Helen Dunlap), a daughter, Clements Edith, named for her grandmother, Clements Lucken Dunlap, 1915, on October 13th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Don Merillat (Alida Spawn, 1937), a daughter, Donalida, on September 25, at Pres.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rowan (Helen Mahr, 1933), a daughter, Mary Jean, on September 5th, at Pres.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mankin (Mildred Schlekau, 1937), a daughter, Connie Lou, on August 23rd, at Portland, Oregon.

To Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Slaughter (Winifred Whaley, 1928), a daughter, Margaret Jane, on September 5th, at Siuna, via Puerta Cabezas, Nicaragua, C. A.

"Mr. Slaughter, our son, David, and I have made our home here for the past two years. Mr. S. is employed by Ventures, Ltd., a gold mining company, so we live in a mining camp in the heart of jungle country. It is truly a great experience and we enjoy it very much. I shall look forward to receiving the bulletins so that I can once more keep in touch with the school and my friends."

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roubie (Lois Melges, 1939), a daughter, Barbara Jean, on October 17th, at Normal, Ill.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dietz (Marion Jackson, 1930), a daughter, Judith Mary, on August 26th, at Pres.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Halaas (Sylvia Kirk, 1931), of Denver, Colo., a son, David, on August 31st.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Thompson (Lois Brown, 1939), of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., a daughter, Lois Martha, on November 3rd.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. Pierce (Gladys Hansen, 1932), of Creston, Ill., a son, Stanley R. Pierce, at Pres. on October 17th.

To Mr. and Mrs. John J. Corbett (Jeanette Hubbard, 1933), a daughter, Kathleen Jeannette, on October 10th, at Pres.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson (Bernice Stein, Housekeeper at Pres.), a son, on October 11th, at Pres.

To Dr. and Mrs. John Post (Ruth Ketchie, 1940), a daughter, Susan, on December 5th, at Pres.